REMARKS

This Response is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated

January 17, 2007. In the Office Action, the examiner rejected claim 29 under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) for allegedly being anticipated by JP 57-190696 issued to

Yamauchi. In addition, claim 30 was objected to for being dependent on a

rejected base claim. In response, Applicant is amending claim 29 to incorporate

the limitations of claim 30. Claim 30 is being canceled. Claims 1, 3 - 14, 20 - 29

and 31 remain pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for

allowance. Applicant further submits that all dependent claims are now

allowable by virtue of depending on allowable base claims. If there are any

questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call

to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the

prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as

a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #101172.55433US).

Respectfully submitted,

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